AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method for enabling ~~Method for determining the~~ determination of a sample of a ~~colour~~ color coding ring (palette) (9) whose ~~colour~~ color is closest to ~~the~~ a ~~colour~~ color of at least a part of at least one element (3) of a patient's set of teeth, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said method comprises the steps ~~consisting~~, with the aid of imaging means comprising a video camera (1), ~~in~~ of:

- inputting and freezing on a screen (7) a ~~colour~~ color image (7a) of this set-of-teeth element (3),

- with an inhibiting means, automatically controlling at least one of a luminosity and a chrominance of the camera (1),

- filming the ~~colour~~ color coding ring (9) and displaying on the screen (7) the image (7b) of at least one sample (9_1, 9_2, 9_3…9_n), so that this image (7b) lies side by side joined to each without separation with the frozen image (7a) of the set-of-teeth element so as to allow the user to visually compare the frozen image (7a) of the set-of-teeth element (3) with the image (7b) of the sample,

- visually comparing the image (7a) of the set-of-teeth element (3) frozen on the screen (7) and the image (7b) of the sample (9_1, 9_2, 9_3…9_n).

2. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the samples (9_1, 9_2, 9_3…9_n) of the ~~colour~~ color coding ring (9) are made to advance on the screen so as to allow the user to visually compare the frozen image (7a) of the set-of-teeth element (3) with the image (7b) of the sample.

3. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the image (7b) of the sample is frozen on the screen (7) in order to facilitate comparison thereof with the image (7a) of the set-of-teeth element (3).

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the value of the chrominance of the video camera (1) is increased with respect to the normal adjustment of the camera, during inputting of the image (7a) of the set-of-teeth element (3) and the filming of the ~~colour~~ color coding ring (9).

6. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to Claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, in addition, during inputting of the image (7a) of the set-of-teeth element (3) and filming of the ~~colour~~ color coding ring (9), the value of the differences in chrominance (R-Y; B-Y) is increased with respect to the normal adjustment of the camera.

7. (cancelled)

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A device ~~Device~~ for enabling determination ~~determining the~~ of a sample of a ~~colour~~ color coding ring (9) whose ~~colour~~ color is closest to a ~~colour~~ color of at least a part of at least one element (3) of a patient's set of teeth, of the type comprising a video camera (1), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said device comprises:

- means adapted to input and freeze on the screen (7) a ~~colour~~ color image (7a) of this set-of-teeth element (3),

- means adapted to inhibit the means for automatically controlling at least one of a luminosity and a chrominance of the camera (1),

- means adapted to film the ~~colour~~ color coding ring (9) and to display on the screen the image (7b) of at least one sample thereof,

- means adapted to display side by side on the same screen (7) the frozen image (7a) of the set-of-teeth element (3) and the filmed image (7b) of the sample so as to allow the user to visually compare the frozen image (7a) of the set-of-teeth element (3) with the image (7b) of the sample.

10. (currently amended) The device ~~Device~~ according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ further comprising means for freezing on the screen (7) the image (7b) of the sample.

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the frozen image (7a) of the set-of-teeth element (3) is acquired separately from the image (7b) of the sample.